GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:183
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DECLINE IN CASHEW PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of cashew in the country has been decreasing over the years;

(b) if so, whether the Government has formulated any scheme to provide financial assistance through Horticulture Mission for expanding cashew cultivation;

(c) if so, whether Kerala State Agency for Cashew Cultivation (KSACC) has submitted proposal for financial assistance for enhancing cashew cultivation in the State of Kerala; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): No, Sir. A statement showing detailed area and production of cashew for the last five years (from 2003-04 to 2007-08) is placed at Annexure I.

(b): The Government of India has been implementing two Centrally Sponsored Schemes viz., National Horticulture Mission and Technology Mission on Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States, Sikkim, Uttaranchal, J&K and Himachal Pradesh (TMNE) to provide financial assistance for horticulture crops including cashew. The assistance is given for activities like area expansion, development of high yielding varieties, demonstration/ dissemination of production technology, etc. under the schemes.

(c)&(d): Yes, Sir. Government of Kerala has been requested to include the proposal as a part of the State's Annual Action Plan for assistance under the National Horticulture Mission.